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CUBAN INTERVENTIONS IN AND THE AMERICAS

ANNCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN DISCUSSES THE CONTINUED CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND ITS IMPACT ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

VOICE: TWO MAJOR PRINCIPLES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM ARE THESE: FIRST, THAT NO NATION HAS ANY RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER-- NOT ONLY IN THIS HEMISPHERE BUT ANYWHERE ELSE. AND, SECOND, THAT ANY ATTACK ON ANY AMERICAN NATION BY ANOTHER-- WHETHER OF THIS HEMISPHERE OR OUTSIDE OF IT-- SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN ATTACK ON ALL. THESE PRINCIPLES-- OF NON-INTERVENTION AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY-- ARE AT THE CORE OF THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND OF THE RIO PACT OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

IT WAS HAVANA'S VIOLATION OF THESE TWO PRINCIPLES IN THIS HEMISPHERE THAT LED TO ITS ISOLATION IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR BY ITS NEIGHBORS. THAT ISOLATION WAS PARTIALLY LIFTED LAST YEAR BY SOME LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE LED TO BELIEVE THAT HAVANA AT LAST HAD ABANDONED ITS POLICY OF EXPORTING VIOLENT REVOLUTION.

BUT NOW SOME OF THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE HAVING GRIM SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THEIR DECISION TO RE-ESTABLISH ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CASTRO REGIME. AND MORE THAN THAT, THEY ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS HAVANA'S EMERGING AMBITIONS IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. AND THE " ELSEWHERE," IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF MANY LATIN AMERICANS COULD BE THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

THIS DEEPENING CONCERN OVER HAVANA'S ACTIONS WAS APPARENT LAST WEEK IN VENEZUELA--ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THE MOVE TO RELAX SANCTIONS AGAINST HAVANA. IN CARACAS, PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA, AT A STATE DINNER FOR PRESIDENT TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA, REITERATED HIS COUNTRY'S OPPOSITION TO INTERVENTIONISM BY COUNTRIES THAT -- AS HE PUT IT--"... ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTIONS ON THE GROUNDS OF IDEOLOGICAL SOLIDARITY OR THE LIKE." AND IN LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, PRESIDENT BANZER AND O.A.S. SECRETARY-GENERAL ORFILA ALSO STRONGLY CONDEMNED WHAT THEY CALLED CUBAN ADVERTURISM.

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THEY SHARE WESTERN HEMISPHERE CONCERN OVER CUBA'S ACTIONS IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA.

IN AN INTERVIEW LAST WEEK WITH A GROUP OF NORTH CAROLINA BROADCASTERS, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THIS WAS WHY HE AND DOCTOR KISSINGER HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD MOSCOW AND HAVANA TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH WHAT HE CALLED "THE MAJORITY-RULE, SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD". AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS IN DALLAS YESTERDAY (MONDAY) WARNED BOTH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT TOLERATE WHAT HE CALLED "ANOTHER ANGOLA" ANYWHERE ELSE. "WE ARE NOT," THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID, "THE WORLD'S POLICEMAN. BUT WE CANNOT PERMIT THE SOVIET UNION OR ITS SURROGATES TO BECOME THE WORLD'S POLICEMAN EITHER, IF WE CARE ABOUT OUR SECURITY AND THE FATE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD."

IT IS HOPED HERE IN WASHINGTON THAT THESE WARNINGS BEING VOICED NOT ONLY HERE BUT IN LATIN AMERICA WILL NOT FALL ON

DEAF EARS IN MOSCOW OR HAVANA. FOR, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID IN DALLAS, "IT IS TIME, THEREFORE, TO BE CLEAR THAT AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED ANGOLA HAS SET NO PRECEDENT. IT IS TIME THAT THE WORLD BE REMINDED THAT AMERICA REMAINS CAPABLE OF FORTHRIGHT AND DECISIVE ACTION."

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